

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): K. INOUE et al  
Serial No.: 09/698,186  
Filed: October 30, 2000  
For: A METHOD FOR PRODUCING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
Group: 2811  
Examiner: D. W. OWENS  
CONF. No. 3559

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

**MS: AFTER FINAL**  
Commissioner For Patents  
POB 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 15, 2004

Sir:

Further to the filing of the Notice of Appeal and Petition for Extension of Time on November 19, 2003 and responsive to the Final Office Action of June 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Specification.**

**Amendments to the Claims.**

**Amendments to the Drawings.**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.